

**CITY OF DEXTER
ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2017**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee was called to order at 6:30pm at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., Dexter, MI 48130

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Phil Arbour, Lynn Babcock, Wa Hubbard, Cheryl Willoughby, Martha Gregg, Sanam Arab, Donna Fisher (ex-officio), Rich Bellas, and Gini Davis (arr. 6:32pm)

Committee Members Absent: Angie Noble

Others Present: Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Arbour, Seconded by Bellas to approve the minutes from August 1, 2017 as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Fisher, Seconded by Arbour to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. CHAIR

None

B. STAFF REPORT

Justin Breyer reported on:

- The marketing video
- Fredrick Pelham project
 - Committee suggested having the project team reach out to Jim Davis
 - Cici Reicker works at the Bently Library (historical library at U of M)
- Get a card and have everyone sign it for Victoria at the next meeting
 - Send out a Certificate of Appreciation

C. CITY COUNCIL

Donna Fisher reported on the roundabout project on Baker with regard to the lighting.

D. PROJECT UPDATES FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF: SETTING A DATE FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Arbour, Seconded by Fisher that the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee shall elect officers at the annual meeting held in July or the next regularly scheduled meeting thereafter.

Ayes: Arab, Arbour, Babcock, Willoughby, Hubbard, Gregg, Fisher, Bellas, and Davis

Nays: None

Absent: Noble

B. CONSIDERATION OF: ELECTION OF CHAIR

Motion by Bellas, Seconded by Davis to appoint Phil Arbour to the position of Chair of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee

Ayes: Babcock, Gregg, Arab, Willoughby, Hubbard, Fisher, Arbour, Bellas, and Davis

Nays: None

Absent: Noble

C. DISCUSSION OF: COLORING CONTEST AND BANNER PROJECT

- Cheryl Willoughby presented the coloring contest and banner project
- Tom Rosenbaum, Sandy Hansen, and Jim Lippens served as judges
- Discussed putting them up when the Christmas decorations came down, then they would stay up through the winter (March / April)
- We did not indicate when the banners would go up
- 7 options – do 14, 2 of each – about \$700
 - Get competitive quotes
 - Consolidate it to downtown
 - Get a count of the poles downtown
- Alma and Chelsea also do something similar
- Baker to Alpine/the bridge – see how far 14 would go
- Send out e-mail to participants and public
- Wa will get me the list of email addresses and the letters to
 - Email winners
 - Thank judges out in the email blast

D. DISCUSSION OF: 2017 PAINT DEXTER PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL WRAP-UP

Positives:

- Getting rid of the auction and having a straight sale simplified administration
- Allowing the artists to enter their paintings, then submit additional paintings
- Getting the property painting list – this drove business

Cons:

- Let everyone know that the paintings will leave as they are purchased
- When prizes were given out, it was done too quickly
 - Not a good area to take photos
 - Need to address the way awards were given out and pictures of the prize winners were given

Ideas:

- Maybe have an auction as a fundraiser later –
- Add Auction Fundraiser as agenda item for future date
- Could also be an art walk
- Put value on in-kind donations
- Create a sign to let people know that the paintings may be wet
 - Need to address signage in general
 - Maybe have one of the Committee members go and take the painting off the wall and explain everything may be wet

E. DISCUSSION OF: NOVEMBER MEETING DATE

Shoot for Tuesday, November 14th due to the Election.

F. DISCUSSION OF: COLORING BOOK/CARDS FUNDRAISER

Need to have a discussion on what makes the most sense for off-season fundraising.

G. DISCUSSION OF: BRASS PLACARDS FOR HISTORICAL STRUCTURES

Donna Fisher reported on a recommendation from another City Council member regarding having a plaque on historical buildings so that when people go around looking at structures they have a sense of the date, architect, name, etc. The Committee discussed historic districts.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

None

PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Plein Air
Off-season fundraising
Art Walk / Art Auction
Coloring post cards/calendar/book
Purchase of placards
Sub-Committees or Work Groups

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fisher, Seconded by Bellas to adjourn at 8:00pm
Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer
Assistant to the City Manager